

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 646

By Haynes

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend John R. Hicks of
Goodlettsville on becoming an Eagle Scout.

WHEREAS, at a time when the youth of our country face tremendous challenges, the Boy Scouts of America is one of this nation's greatest assets, providing young people ages six to twenty with an educational program geared toward character development, citizenship training and improved mental and physical fitness; and

WHEREAS, the highest rank a Boy Scout can attain is that of Eagle Scout, and John R. Hicks, after considerable hard work and preparation, passed the scrupulous Eagle Board of Review on October 6, 1997; and

WHEREAS, he joined the prestigious Eagle Court of Honor and received the bronze Eagle Palm on March 8, 1998; and

WHEREAS, the son of proud parents Ruth and Jay Luthy of Goodlettsville, and Jeff and Ranae Hicks of Huntsville, Alabama, John is a popular and highly regarded sophomore at Hunters Lane High School, where he has excelled both academically and in extracurricular activities. His numerous school activities include being a valuable member of the Forensics team; and

WHEREAS, his exemplary record of accomplishment as a member of Boy Scout Troop 254, which meets at City Road Chapel United Methodist Church includes admirable leadership as Senior Patrol Leader, Assistant Patrol Leader, and Chaplain Aide; and

WHEREAS, John is also a member of the Order of the Arrow and has earned the Brotherhood Award; and

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WHEREAS, his Eagle project which involved expertly leading a team of scouts and volunteers who repaired and upgraded the City Road Chapel Child Care program playground, significantly benefited his community and his church and reflected the finest traditions of the Volunteer State; and

WHEREAS, he also demonstrates his strong faith as an active member of City Road Chapel United Methodist Church, where he is active in the United Methodist Youth Fellowship. Each summer John goes to the Mountain Top, fellowships, helps poor families in the Cumberland Mountains and comes down; and;

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that we pause to specially recognize John R. Hicks as one of the most outstanding young people in our state; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we honor, congratulate, and commend John R. Hicks on becoming an Eagle Scout and wish him well in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution, with this resolving clause deleted, be prepared and presented as a token of our high esteem.